

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2003

Convened: 9:31 P.M.

Present: Mr. DeWolfe, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Buddenhagen, Ms. D. O'Connor, Mr. Giacoppe, Mr. Campbell

Also present: Mr. Fiore, Mr. Lebeaux, Mr. DePalo, Mr. Morgado, Mr. Hale, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Perreault

Presiding: Mr. DeWolfe

I. The Committee approved the following budget amendments:

119 Personnel Board

(9) Separately Identified Appropriations

Delete \$500
Insert \$380,500

(1-9) Grand Total

Delete \$8,100
Insert \$388,100

Reason: Provides funding for Article 3

123 Town Manager

Salaries – Professional, Executive, Admin.

Delete \$102,423
Insert \$105,496

(1-2-3) Salaries – Grand Total

Delete \$243,148
Insert \$246,221

(1-9) Grand Total

Delete \$260,283
Insert \$263,356

Reason: Provides a 3 % salary adjustment for the Town Manager

161 Town Clerk

(1) Salaries – Professional, Executive, Admin.

Delete \$61,823

Insert \$65,266

(1-2-3) Salaries – Grand Total

Delete \$144,020

Insert \$147,463

(1-9) Grand Total

Delete \$152,340

Insert \$155,783

Reason: Provides a 3.5% salary adjustment plus a 2% market adjustment for the Town Clerk

900 School Department

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Delete \$33,806,104

Insert \$33,986,104

Reason: Recommended increase will alleviate the need to charge athletic and extra curricular fees

All votes were unanimous in favor of the proposed amendments. Ms. O'Connor abstained from voting on the School Department amendment.

- II. Mr. DeWolfe gave a brief overview of Article 7, the omnibus capital budget. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of recommending the article.
- III. The Committee voted modify their recommendation for articles 10-16 to reflect the report from the Planning Board relative to certain streets and open space parcels not ready for acceptance.
- IV. The Committee discussed article 23, the proposed construction of a new boathouse. Mr. Morgado stated that the Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this article. He stated that the Board has considered a one bay versus a two

bay option. Mr. Fiore stated that a police presence on the lake is needed but that he was not convinced that a two bay boat house at an estimated cost of \$185,000 was the solution. He suggested looking into joint use with the City of Worcester or possibly finding another revenue stream from the second bay if it is to be built. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of recommending the article.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Hale
Assistant Town Manager